

Future Pumas Compete for Excellence

By Chrissy Heath
Staff Writer

Saint Joseph's College annually hosts the fierce and nerve wracking two weekend competition for the Presidential Scholarship. Saturday, January 23 happened to be one of those nerve wracking days for high school students from all over that came to visit.

At a grueling 8:45 in morning, beside the fact of it being the day where most students are overjoyed at the possibility of sleeping in, parents and competitors contently migrated into Shen Auditorium.

As they slowly filled the seats, anticipation and apprehension thickened the air of their new surroundings. Students looked around at the strangers who may become fellow classmates in only seven short months. A PowerPoint simultaneously played on the pull down screen as families entered Shen. Its red background and white lettering told the names of those strangers gathering, their towns, high schools, and outstanding accomplishments.

When everyone was seated Justin Terria, an administrative counselor, gave a welcome to the audience. After a quick introduction, Father Gilbert took the stage to begin the day

with praising the intellect of the competitors and a prayer. John Wadell, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, came on stage next to inform the crowd more about the day's activities and opportunities.

Students were then released to Courtney Auditorium to begin the essay portion of the competition. With all students absent, Dr. Ilicia J. Sprey, Associate Professor of History and Dean of Freshmen, secured the stage as parents were given the opportunity to question students Stephanie Storer, Jessica Howard, and Ishan Gohil about Saint Joseph's College and the competition while they awaited the return of their children.

After completing the assigned essays, personal interviews predetermined by itineraries were given by various professors from all different disciplines offered on campus.

In between interviews, visiting students were provided with the options of talking to Saint Joseph's College students about what college was really like, taking more personal tours of campus, visiting the bookstore, or checking out different organizations at designated tables set up in the foyer. Lunch was also later offered to the visiting families and competitors in the Halleck Building.

Students I talked to appeared to be very excited about the

information on and about Saint Joseph's College. Throughout the day as I sat at the Measure table, I kept hearing these comments from visitors who were genuinely enjoying the campus, its staff, organizations, students, and were very glad of being given the chance to check Saint Joseph's College out.

A visitor from Chicago who has plans to major in Psychology and minor in Sociology said, "I really like the small and close relationships that you can get here. It's exactly what I'm looking for. The one on one conversations and help in classes really are important."

Another student stated, "I love how there is a Wal-Mart across the street!"

A parent also came up inquiring about the size of our teaching faculty. After giving him a rough estimate, I told him students generally talk to their professors all the time and students are usually on a first name basis with most of their professors.

He said, "Yeah, it seems like that. Small, close, and really like a community. That's really good to have at a school."

Their comments and wonder filled faces gave the feeling that they, like most students already attending Saint Joseph's College, truly would be proud to become a Puma. Another weekend of this competition will be held this weekend, January 30th.



Marching for MLK

By Amber Melvin
Staff Writer

On January 18, 2010 students and staff met in the staff parking lot behind the Core building at twelve o'clock p.m., to march for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. At about 12:10 p.m., a Puma bus took the students and staff over to the Courthouse in the middle of Rensselaer.

Once arriving at the Courthouse, everyone stood outside, and bowed their heads as Father Tim McFarland said a prayer. Once Father Tim's prayer was finished, everyone began marching towards the Saint Joseph's College Core building.

There were approximately twenty-five to thirty people on the march. As the march was taking place, a police car drove alongside of the group of people. There were people in the front and back of the group holding large banners

as they marched through town.

As Father Tim marched along, he snapped pictures of people marching. Dr. F. Dennis Riegelneegg also marched along for the day of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s remembrance. While on the march, everyone just talked amongst themselves.

This march took place in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s marches for freedom. It was a very nice march to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as well as his marches.

The students and staff made it back to the Core building around 12:50 p.m. Once everyone returned from the march, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program began at 1:00 p.m. in the Shen Auditorium of the Core building.

There certainly were a lot of festivities going on at Saint Joseph's College that students, staff, and people from around town took part in, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Photos courtesy of Chrissy Heath. Above: Candidates talk with current students. Top Right: A scholarship hopeful waits in the Core Building for activities to start.

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WE WANT YOU

By Sammy Mitchell
Staff Writer

Want the highest paying job on campus? Want a free room and half of your meals paid for? These are just a few of the perks of becoming a Resident Assistant. A few more benefits include a free private room, stipend of \$65.00 per month, free parking pass with special privileges, and new friends. Saint Joseph's College is looking for students to become Resident Assistants for the resident halls around campus.

What does Bridget McDermott, Junior with a major in Elementary Education like about being an RA? "Being a part of the RA staff can be a lot of fun. It has provided me with a group of friends that I have become close with over time in addition to the many residents of the

halls that I have been an RA in." Bridget has been on the staff for two years and plans to interview for a third year.

Junior Jerome Kotel, Biology and Chemistry major expresses his opinion on why students should consider applying for the Resident Assistant position. "I think that students should apply for the position because the experience and great memories are a good reason to become an RA."

Students can pick up applications on the second floor of the Halleck Center on Monday, January 25th and they are due on Friday, February 5th. All applicants must participate in one of the two group processes Wednesday, February 10th and Thursday, February 11th and then will be called for interviews the following next two weeks.

Hope For Haiti

By Ashlee Doty
News Editor

By now most of us have seen the photographs of the destruction in Haiti. The first thought that most people had right away was, "How can I help?" With the first earthquake registering an astonishing 7.0 on January 12, and then an aftershock measuring 5.9 just eight days later on January 20, people are wondering how can this country recover from such devastation. Families are searching for their loved ones.

Two students, a faculty member, and a staff member from Blue Ridge Community College, in Virginia, had finally reached home to say they were safe. 150,000 people are presumed dead in the capital of Port-Au-Prince. This number does not cover the outside cities, and many more thousands are expected to be added to the list.

Haiti's government has declared an end to searches for living people trapped under debris, and officials are shifting their focus to caring for the thousands of survivors living in squalid, makeshift camps. U.N. relief workers said deliveries of food, medicine and water have picked up after roadblocks. The need continues to be overwhelming and doctors fear

outbreaks of disease in the camps. Doctors without Borders are seeing an increase of infections because people initially tried to treat the injuries by themselves after the first earthquake.

The worst should be over, and now it is time to help Haiti rebuild from this devastation. The "Hope for Haiti Now" telethon, which was aired on most channels and featured celebrities such as George Clooney who hosted and performances by Taylor Swift, and Justin Timberlake, who sang "Hallelujah" with Tennessean artist Matt Morris, was said to have raised \$57 million - and counting. Two former presidents, George W. Bush and Bill Clinton have raised over 12 million dollars for Haiti.

Around campus, many clubs and organization have thought of how to help Haiti. At the recent Habitat for Humanity meeting ideas such as a donation boxes, and donating meals were brought up. All AT&T wireless customers can send \$10 donations to the relief fund by sending a text message from their mobile device. Standard text messaging rates may apply. A customer can type the word HAITI and send it to 90999. A confirmation message will arrive within a few minutes, to which the customer should reply "yes" to complete the donation. All money donated will be passed on to the Red Cross.

By Ian Evans
Staff Writer

Earlier in the week, a number of the students at St. Joseph's College were weighed in for the first campus wide "Biggest Loser Contest." Earlier I spoke with three students who are taking part in the contest. Each of them had his own reasons for competing but none of them were focused on the day spa and massage package that has been promised to the winner and biggest loser. "I need to revamp my unhealthy lifestyle," said Matt Schumacher, a sophomore and Business major, "This competition just seems like the best way to encourage me to stick to it and actually lose the weight." Matt went on to say that he hopes to get back into the physical condition he maintained on the wrestling team at his high school by dieting and working out diligently.

The students have until (INSERT DATE) to lose as much bodyweight as possible. As I

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mentioned above, the student who loses the most weight (is it overall or a %?) will be awarded a day spa and massage package for two. Sophomore John Manning said, "Ever since I came to St. Joseph I have been lazy and inactive." John is majoring in Sports Management and plans to lose at least 10 pounds by doing a mix of weight and cardio workouts 3-4 times a week.

Luis De Leon is a sophomore majoring in Business Management. Like John, Luis said he has been relatively inactive since he came to college. When asked why he was taking part in the contest, Luis replied that, "I miss being able to see my abs. When I got to college I lost my muscle tone and this competition provides the inspiration to regain some of my former definition." Whatever the reason, this competition has inspired many "Joe's" to eat healthier and shed some unwanted pounds, gaining a new self-confidence or regaining his/her former fitness.

K.I.D.S., or Kids In Distressed Situations, is delivering clothes, diapers, and water and is asking for cash donations as well as product gifts. To inquire about necessary items you can give, contact K.I.D.S. president Janice Weinman at 212-279-5493 x207. Threadless.com, a t-shirt company is donating 100% of the shirts bought of "Many Hands Make the Load Lighter" to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief and Development Fund (up to \$100,000).

There are many other ways to help, whether you are donating money, or time, or canned food. You are doing something and that is one of the most important things.



Above: photo courtesy of: <http://www.people.com/people/article/0,,20339040,00.html>

above: "Stars answering phone at the "Hope for Haiti" telethon.

below: Photo courtesy of: http://www.threadless.com/product/2191/Many_Hands_Make_the_Load_Lighter

"Threadless T-shirts, "Many hands Make the Load Lighter"

To the left: Photo Courtesy of: <http://www-tc.pbs.org/newshour/extra/images/big/jan-june10/haiti.jpg> "A car buried in the rubble because of the Haiti earthquake.



Upcoming Events

January 28-
Kairos 54

Men's
Basketball 7:30
P.M.

Women's
Basketball 5:30
P.M.

Winter Play 8:00
Theatre

January 31-
Men's
Basketball 3:00
P.M.

Women's
Basketball 1:00
P.M.

February 2-
Freshman
Banquet

February 7-
SUPER BOWL

Remembering to fulfill Presidential Expectations

By Bailey Snider
Staff Columnist



As I approach the end of my college career at Saint Joseph's, I have to think about what the last four years as a Presidential scholar have meant to me.

When I first arrived on this little campus in January of 2006 for the Presidential Scholarship competition, I was a timid bookworm from a tiny high school named Morgan Township. I never pictured myself going away to college or even leaving Valparaiso, Indiana. I was simply at the competition because my school counselor had pointed it out and suggested I at least try for it.

As I wandered through the Core building where I would spend most of my mornings for the next four years, I watched the other students eagerly (and sometimes tearfully) assess their chances at the scholarship, looked at pamphlets, made it through my own interview and remained completely aloof and unconvinced that this school would ever have an impact on my life.

Imagine my surprise when I got a call later on that year to inform me that I had won one of the Presidential Scholarships and could attend this college tuition-free! I could choose to refuse it, but I realized this was the best offer I was going to get from any of the colleges to which I had applied.

And so, still somewhat confused and flabbergasted as to how I ended up here, I arrived on the Saint Joseph's College campus in August of 2006, completely scared out of my wits. I was alone, away from family

and friends, and I knew absolutely no one.

As I reminisce about those first few months, I have to laugh and realize how much I have changed. I was so afraid to be out on my own. It was hard for me to make friends and I was completely at the mercy of the people around me. Thank goodness there were those—students and faculty alike—who thought the quiet, blonde Presidential Scholar was worth a little effort!

I owe those who continued to talk to me and accept me a debt of gratitude. Without their constant reassurance, I would not be the person I am today.

And beyond social interactions, I was also intimidated by the thought of college itself. I had always been a good student, but I realized college classes would probably be more difficult and require more effort than anything I had undertaken in high school.

As a Presidential Scholar, I felt I needed to do particularly well. I had specifically been chosen to attend this college and I did not want to disappoint those who had recognized my potential as a student and a person.

With these social and academic worries in mind, I jumped into my college career. The first year was hard, socially, while I seemed to excel academically. I was happy that I seemed to be fulfilling the role of a good student, but I also realized my social interactions left something to be desired.

This was never more apparent to me than the first time I helped with the Presidential Scholarship competition as a freshman. I was proud to be representing the college as a current student and Presidential Scholar, but I was appalled at my lack of conversational abilities. I was still shy—I was

not comfortable talking with so many strangers; I felt I had let the college down.

From that moment on, I decided to change. I wanted to truly represent Saint Joseph's College as an outgoing, well-rounded student, worthy of the honor of the Presidential Scholarship. To do this, I pushed myself beyond my comfort zone. I realized I had to become more comfortable with myself and this meant rising above the timidity that had always been a part of my life.

Whether it was realizing my opinion in a Core discussion class WAS important or auditioning for a role in the spring musical, I worked at accepting and appreciating myself and what I have to offer this college and the world. This helped me build up my confidence, which in turn helped me become more relaxed and warm in social situations. It was hard for me—I have never been one to be overly self-assured—but I began to notice a difference. I grew more secure in my self-worth, especially around people I knew. I was able to grow and change, begin new relationships, strengthen old ones.

The next Presidential Scholarship competition, I was better at engaging the competing students and their parents, and I was happy with my improvement. But I also realized my progress needed to continue; I wanted to get even better.

With this goal in mind, my years here at SJC went on. I've continued to grow more at ease with myself and those around me. It has not always been easy—friends come and go, and there are always those moments in which it seems nothing goes right. But no matter what, it has all combined to make me the person I am today.

Now, as a senior, these are my last Presidential Scholarship competitions. This year, my

role in the competitions seems somewhat surreal. I cannot believe how fast the years have gone by or how much I have changed.

The past weekend, as I spoke to the students here to compete, I marveled at my own transformation. I was completely at ease, laughing and discussing college life, the scholarship, anything at all with these young men and women.

As a senior, I am an experienced college student with much to offer them. I was there, four years ago, and I understand their nerves, their fears and their excitement. I feel I have much to offer them in the way of tips and reassurances; I only hope I was able to make their day at SJC a bit more enjoyable. I wish all these high school seniors, those who have already competed and those visiting this upcoming weekend, the very best.

Once again, I think back to my own Presidential Scholarship competition. I consider that timid, aloof girl and realize I am now a confident, accomplished woman. Saint Joseph's College and my time here as a Presidential Scholar has changed me in a way I never would have expected. This college chose ME.

I am forever grateful to those who understood and believed in the person I would become. I simply hope I can continue to represent the college in a way that is both respectful and fitting of a Saint Joseph's College Presidential Scholar.

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Are there issues you think need to be discussed?

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I'll be "Holmes" for Christmas

By Eileen Mills-Groninger
Staff Writer

The Christmas season saw some amazing movies open, but my college budget only allows for so much enjoyment. I carefully chose the movie that my parents were going to pay

for and luckily, we went to see Guy Ritchie's new film *Sherlock Holmes* starring Robert Downey Jr. I was excited to go see this film, and I was not disappointed in the least.

The film is, of course, a chronicle of the wonderful Sherlock Holmes, the greatest

detective in the world. As the movie opens, Sherlock (RDJ) and his partner, Dr. Watson, played by the wonderful Mr. Jude Law, are in the middle of rescuing a DID (Damsel in Distress) during what appears to be some sort of dark arts ritual sacrifice. Sherlock ever-so-carefully identifies the

situation and calculates his exact moves. Sherlock calculates correctly in a wonderfully filmed play-by-play, and eventually they rescue the DID just before she is about to pull a Juliet and sink a dagger in her bosom. They identify the evil-doer as Lord Blackwood, and he is sentenced to death. Thus concludes the

partnership of Watson and Holmes since Watson will be moving out and starting his life with his future wife. What a happy ending!

Now, the film can't just be that simple. Holmes and Watson can't just solve a case and end up winning in the end, that is too neat and tidy. Lord Blackwood, who is sentenced to death for the murders and attempted murder of innocent women, has one last request: he wishes to speak with Sherlock. The message he gives Sherlock is cryptic and mystical, stating that more will die and there will be nothing that Sherlock can do to prevent it. He claims that some things are simply beyond mortal powers. Observing the cell walls, Sherlock notices the dark symbols etched into the stone, and then the bad guy reveals that he will come back more powerful than before. Sherlock leaves without giving any sort of satisfying reaction and then Lord Blackwood is sent for a hanging. Watson pronounces him dead and Lord Blackwood is entombed. The end.

But that's still not a good movie, so Lord Blackwood DOES come back from the dead and takes over a cult of mystical

"magic men" who secretly have connections throughout the town (and police force). More people die, as Lord Blackwood predicted, and more characters are thrown in. For example, we get to meet an estranged criminal lover of Sherlock's, Irene Adler, played by the ever-lovely Rachel McAdams. The film uses brilliant cinematography, angles, and slow-motion to truly enhance each scene, particularly the moments in which Sherlock is calculating how he will win each fight. Overall, my family and I all really enjoyed the film. It kept us guessing right up to the end, and there are still several unanswered questions that could easily create a sequel. If you are looking to see a movie with action, comedy, romance, and mystery, I highly recommend that you con someone into buying your way into the theater. It is well worth the mooch.



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Between the Buried and Me - *The Great Misdirect*

By Michael Garrity
Staff Writer

I would like to start by explaining that since I did not get around to reviewing all of the albums that came out late last year, and due to the low number of records coming out early this year which I really desire to purchase, for the first couple of issues this semester I will be playing catch up by talking about some of last year's later releases. This week's album, especially, deserves to be recognized.

Throughout their existence, North Carolina's Between the Buried and Me have won over fans with their technical mastery and brutal metalcore sound. With *The Silent Circus* and *Alaska*, their second and third releases, respectively, the band helped to really develop a subgenre that was just starting to find its legs. Of course, to this day, few bands have been able to match the excellence of BTBAM's early material, though many have tried.

In 2007, however, the group released *Colors*, a drastic change in direction that was critically praised and helped to secure the group's place in the discussion of the best metal bands of the modern era. Intricately blending a variety of styles over eight tracks (meant to be listened as one long song), *Colors* was a brand new beginning for an already established and well-respected band. Continuing in this new direction, from making great *metal* albums to simply creating great albums, period, BTBAM have released *The Great Misdirect*, six tracks and fifty-nine minutes of progressive rock perfection.

The album does not start out very hardcore. A lone guitar and vocalist Tommy Rogers' voice are the sole instruments for the first minute forty-five and even when the rest of the band comes in the mood is certainly not any more extreme than "relaxed." This first track, "Mirrors," blends beautifully into "Obfuscation,"

in which the rapidly played guitar scales and growling vocals that most would recognize as distinctly BTBAM are immediately present. What is also present is the new progressive approach to their songwriting and during some of their instrumental passages, it is hard to distinguish if one is listening to a metalcore band or The Mars Volta.

Of course, it is these breakdowns that really make *The Great Misdirect*, well, great. Look, my love of British female pop singers does not mean that I do not enjoy a raucous headbanging every once in a while and I relish those really heavy moments when the band do what they do best, but it is the moments where they break up that tension that really completes the experience. Be it with synthesizers, acoustic guitars, or old school rock 'n roll solos, these breakdowns are where the band really display their songwriting prowess and first rate musicianship by being able

to switch into completely different musical styles seamlessly. What is really impressive, though, is the creativity required to devise all of these different transitions. This is no where else better exemplified than in the song "Fossil Genera," which starts with an upbeat piano melody, more



(Photo courtesy of <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:TheGreatMisdirectCover.png>) reminiscent of an indie rock pop group than a metal band, before switching into the band's more familiar sound. Throughout the song, there are acoustic guitar breakdowns, string arrangements, and plenty of clean singing thrown into the mix as well. In the end it becomes more than just an epic metal song; it becomes a well-done experiment in the field of music composition.

One interesting note about the album is that two of the tracks, the opening "Mirrors" and "Desert of Song," contain absolutely no elements of the band's traditional metalcore sound. "Desert of Song," especially, is a unique sound for the band, with the primary instrument being an acoustic guitar. One great thing about this album, and this track in particular, is the amount of actual singing done by Tommy Rogers. For a guy who built a career on deep, guttural screams, Rogers has one of the most natural and inviting voices I have ever heard. Anytime he gets to showcase his talents is alright by me.

The Great Misdirect is another fantastic album by a band who will most likely never get the widespread credit that they are due both because of their sound and subject matter (the major running theme of *TGM* is of questioning one's belief systems,

relating to both government and religion). Though it may not quite live up to *Colors*, *The Great Misdirect* is just another step in the career of a tremendously talented band and a top-notch album. This is worth picking up for people who enjoy progressive rock bands like Dream Theater and The Mars Volta just as much as it is for your favorite metal head.

Best Songs: "Fossil Genera - A Feed from Cloud Mountain" and "Desert of Song"

Between the Buried and Me - "The Great Misdirect"

Tracklisting:

1. Mirrors
2. Obfuscation
3. Disease, Injury, Madness
4. Fossil Genera - A Feed from Cloud Mountain
5. Desert of Song
6. Swim to the Moon

Producers: Between the Buried and Me, Jamie King

Personnel:

Tommy Rogers - Vocals and Keys

Paul Waggoner - Guitar and Vocals

Dan Briggs - Bass

Dustie Waring - Guitar

Blake Richardson - Drums and Percussion

Release Date: October 27, 2009



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A New Way To Look At Classics

By **Sandra Blum**
Staff Writer

The love affair between students and classic literature has been lessening year by year, being transferred over to such things as television and online books, specifically Facebook. Determined to win their audiences back, the greatest authors of history have rallied behind none other than William Shakespeare to create their own Facebook accounts as well as pages for their most famous novels that they fear are too quickly being forgotten by the people they wrote them for.

Finally, the novels that pack bookstore shelves and make college students groan are brought to a level that everyone can understand, and these once pompous authors not only bring

their writing style into the twenty-first century, they poke fun at themselves, their characters, and give their characters the free reign to also make fun of the plot, their authors, and themselves.

Sarah Schmelling doesn't miss a beat in her brilliant compilation of the world's best known novels and plays into one Facebook group. Through a series of witty status updates, author and character comments, and the well known notifications to let the audience know such things as Richard III sent you a smile and that Jocasta is not a fan of prophets, she helps to untangle classically tangled tales to enhance the enjoyment of them when you finally give in and decide to read the novels to see what makes them all so great.

The authors take great

advantage of the fun to be found on Facebook by jumping into each other's pages to participate in quip offs, give plot suggestions, friendly invites to a night on the town, and outright criticism for plot stealing. Watch the words they come up with as they challenge each other to games of Facebook scrabble, and enjoy their delight or disregard for the results they receive when they dare to take quizzes modeled after the very novels that they wrote.

Ophelia Joined the Group Maidens Who Don't Float: Classic Lit Signs On To Facebook is a wonderful book for any teenager struggling through a literature course. Moby Dick will no longer be a terrifying white smudge on the horizon, the identity of Frankenstein will finally be revealed, and Hawthorne's writing will finally make some semblance of sense. No longer will you need to ask yourself to be or not to be on Facebook instead of doing homework, because your homework has finally made it's way on to Facebook.



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Assassination Attempt on the President! (of SA)

By **Andrew Dudich**
Staff Writer

A Satire

At 7:33 p.m. on January 20, at the Saint Joseph's College Town Hall Meeting, a masked figure, estimated at 5'10", wielded a copy of Ilija Trojanov's Along the Ganges dangerously close to Student Association President Jordan Leising's face. Anyone who has taken Core 7-India, knows that just thirty seconds of eye exposure to this maelstrom of mismatched metaphors will cause the viewer to commit suicide. Fortunately, President Leising's bodyguards quickly intervened and deterred the assailant who then promptly made a successful getaway. The President was shook up from the event, but immediately regained his composure and proclaimed that, "SA cannot perish!"

Local officials immediately began surveillance of the usual suspects of Lee Harvey Oswald, John Wilkes Booth, and Michael Booth, SA Treasurer. So far, the latter has been ruled out due to eye-witnesses confirming that the treasurer was present for the complete duration of the meeting. However, Mr. Oswald has suspiciously been seen outside the cemetery that he is confined to by court mandate. Local agents are in the process of bringing Oswald in for questioning.

Evidence from the investigation suggests that the assassination attempt is linked to the Vegan Teal Suits, the same mafia syndicate that was implicated in the tragic elimination of the masterful music

maestro, Todd Samra. The VTS are a known organized crime group based out of Rensselaer's fanatically vegetarian Italiantown. The syndicate gained monopolistic power in the Jasper County area after expelling their primary competition, The Crimson Carnivores. From this point, the stage was set for the VTS to try their hand at seizing control of the Student Association

in order to remove meat from the cafeteria and require math in Core.

Saint Joseph's College has seen that the VTS mean business, and we are certainly far from the end of this power struggle. This is all the more reason that students must unite with their fellow Pumas and stand up against the VTS. An attack on one Puma is an attack on all of us, but together we are a formidable force which nothing can defeat. If you have any

information that could lead to the apprehension of individuals linked to this case, please contact the Student Association immediately.



If something happens to one Puma, it affects us all!(Picture courtesy of <http://tinyurl.com/yk2v8kc>)

Seeing My Future at SJC

By **Jennifer Ruff**
Features Editor

In my last semester here at Saint Joseph's College, I am taking a step back from the professors, papers, and stress, and entering a world of lesson plans, hall passes and even more stress. But this is the life a teacher. When I planned out this semester, I thought it would be fitting for me to transition from student teaching to teacher, instead of taking it first semester and moving from teacher to student to teacher. For the most part, I was right, yet there were some things I did not expect to happen.

You might not believe me now (and it's ok if you don't), but it's an odd feeling being away from this place. I know we have breaks where we are not here on campus, but that's not what I'm talking about. Try being away from here, doing your own thing when things here are still moving, still very much alive. You get a feeling of disconnect, like you are missing a part of your life that you once enjoyed and loved.

I feel as though I get a chance to see what life will be like for me and others here next year when I take that hard and scary step into adult hood. It's not at all what I expected. You have this theory about what it will be like to come back from the death of graduation here, and for in my case, I got hit hard with reality.

Those who I thought would miss me are not as happy to see me in the afternoons. I don't mean to make it sound like I am that big of a deal on this campus because believe me I am the last person

to think that. I just hoped that my absence would make some sort of impact.

I know this method is perhaps not the best way to make a comparison, but for now it's all I have. For me, it's a test to see if I am truly okay with what's to come.

Am I ready to let go of this place, of these people? Are they ready to get rid of me? Although I have no way to discover the second posed question, I know that for now, at this moment the first one can be answered with a simple yet direct statement. No Way!



Seniors, are you ready?(Picture courtesy of <http://redjotter.files.wordpress.com/2009/06/graduation.jpg>)

Vancouver Set to Host Olympics

By Jeremy Butterfield
Staff Writer

The 2010 Winter Olympics are set to begin in Vancouver. These will be the first Olympic Games held in Canada since 1988 when they were held in Calgary. In this year's Olympics, there will be 15 sports played with 86 total events. The Games will start on February 12th and last until February 28th. The Games start with six medal ceremonies on the 13th, and the final day of competition will end with two medal ceremonies. 97 countries qualified for the games and 80 have reported so far – more can still join.

Even some celebrities are helping out with the Olympics. Stephen Colbert has helped the United States speed skating team get to Vancouver. He asked his audience to help out and send money to help them get there, and he managed to raise \$300,000 to help the team.



Not all of the players have been announced for the United States teams, but Alex Sprague from Indianapolis, Indiana will be competing in the bobsled competition. This will be his first time going to the Olympics, although he has competed at several world championships in the past. Illinois has nine athletes competing in four different events this year.

Vancouver is the most populated city the winter games have ever been held in, and it's also the warmest with temperatures averaging 40.6 °F. With less than a month to go before the Games, Cypress Mountain, where the snowboarding and freestyle skiing events will be held, has been closed down. It was closed after the surrounding

area of Vancouver had temperatures as high as 53.6 °F that made the mountain lose three feet of snow. The Olympic committee said they have stored enough snow for the games and will place the snow on the mountain when the games get closer and the weather is more agreeable.

The torch was lit on October 22, 2009, and was



flown over the North Pole before landing in the British Columbia capital of Victoria. The torch will make a 106 day journey. After the spectacular opening ceremony at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, people around the world are waiting with mounting anticipation for the 2010 Winter Olympics to begin. It should be quite a show.

PHOTOS

Left: TV personality Stephen Colbert raised \$300,000 for the United States speed skating team to get to Vancouver. (courtesy of www.songlinesmusic.com)

Center: Vancouver is the most highly populated city to ever host the winter olympics. (courtesy of www.destination360.com)

Right: 2010 Winter Olympics logo. (courtesy of www.freespiritgallery.ca)

Editor's Pick: Top 10 Sports Movies

By Ben Kalinowski
Sports Editor

With the movie award season upon us, I thought it would be a good idea to come up with a list of the greatest sports movies of all time.

Indiana is well known as the setting of more than one sports film, and even Saint Joseph's College has a connection with one of the movies on this list. Oh, and if there are any movies you felt I left out, feel free to e-mail me at bkn6449@saintjoe.edu.

1. *Rocky* - One of the most memorable characters in cinema, Rocky Balboa is the classic underdog. After some disappointing sequels that focused more on ridiculous fight scenes and less on plot and character, it's easy to forget just how great the original was. Featuring an exceptional cast, heartfelt script, a powerful musical score from Bill Conti, and an unforgettable performance from Sylvester Stallone, Rocky went on to win three Oscars including Best Picture and Best Director at the 1976 Academy Awards.

2. *Hoosiers* - The greatest basketball movie of all time? Without a doubt. The most recognizable Indiana sports movie, Hoosiers tells the story of a rag-tag basketball team from Hickory, a town so small it's not even on the map. When Norman Dale comes to Hickory to coach the high school basketball team, his unorthodox style and focus on fundamentals rubs the townsfolk the wrong way. But his methods start to translate on the court, and the team goes on to the state championship. Based on the true story of the 1954 State Champion Milan Indians, Hoosiers is a sports movie that will never lose its appeal.



(Photo courtesy of mopsquad.com)

3. *Field of Dreams* - "If you build it, he will come." says a mysterious voice from the corn. Who is he? Ray Cansella tries to find the answer by plowing over his crops and building a baseball field where the ghosts of former players, including the disgraced "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, come to play the game they loved. With the support of his wife and daughter, Ray's determination to find out who is coming pays off. And if there was ever a scene in a movie that could bring a tear to a grown man's eye, it's when Ray finally gets to have a catch with his father.

4. *Rudy* - You're too small, you're too slow, you're too dumb, and you're never going to Notre Dame. A poor, undersized, and underprivileged boy from Joliet, IL, Rudy Reuttiger fought tooth and nail to accomplish his dream of running out of the gate as a member of the Fighting Irish. For a moment, it seems like Rudy isn't going to get in the game, but we all know what happens. Rudy, Rudy, Rudy...

5. *Bull Durham* - One of the few baseball movies that actually knows something about baseball. The script by Ron Shelton is phenomenal, combining witty dialogue with knowledgeable insights into America's favorite past-time. Kevin Costner plays the team's wise veteran catcher Crash Davis, who tries to show the new up-and-coming pitcher, played by Tim Robbins, how to play the game right. What's the most valuable thing Robbins' character learns? "Never shake off your catcher."

6. *Brian's Song* - it's hard for any movie to be both heartbreaking and uplifting at the same time, but Brian's Song manages to do both just as well as any film in recent memory. With ties to Saint Joseph's College, Brian's Song tells the story of the relationship between Chicago Bears running backs Brian Piccolo and Gayle Sayers. When Sayers suffers a potentially career-ending injury, Piccolo pushes him as hard as possible to get him back onto the field. Then Piccolo gets sick...

7. *Caddyshack* - Bill Murray and Rodney Dangerfield are in top form in this hilarious golf comedy. From the snicker bar in the pool to Murray imagining himself as an underdog at Augusta, Caddyshack is full of gut-busting scenes and one-liners.

8. *Breaking Away* - Breaking Away tells the story of four friends from Bloomington, IN, who defy the odds by winning Indiana University's Little 500 bike race. The script is funny and poignant, and filming on location in Bloomington gives the film a truly authentic feel.

9. *Remember the Titans* - A football team overcomes racial barriers with the help of a hardnosed head coach and goes on to have a season to remember. A winning formula that was done exceptionally well.

10. *The Wrestler* - The performance by Mickey Rourke is incredible, and the cold, bleak setting reflects Rourke's lonely existence and self-destructive nature. What a sad, yet powerful, movie.

Super Bowl Prediction: Manning Overcomes Brees in Shootout

By Tomas Caraballo
Staff Writer

Legend versus legend? Peyton Manning has certainly established himself as one, but Drew Brees? After the last few years, it's safe to say the Purdue grad is on his way to that lofty status, especially if the Saints pull off the win against the Colts. Although both teams play exceptinally well on both sides of the ball, the Indianapolis Colts explosive offense, led by the more battle-tested Manning, will prove to be too much for the New Orleans Saint to handle.

The Colts strongest area is their passing game, as is the Saints. New Orleans overall offense was tops in the league at 403.8 yards per game. The Colts, however, played much better defense, and we all know the popular saying that defense wins championships. Teams such as Tampa Bay and Carolina with poor offensive attacks managed to beat New Orleans, so the Colts should have little trouble scoring. Manning is clearly the best quarterback in football, and as long as the offensive line can buy him time, he will carve up the Saints pass defense.

The Colts defense does a great job of eliminating big plays, which is one of the Saints' strong suits. The Saints can get a little pass happy, and if the Colts can make them one dimensional, it should lead to some turnovers.

This game will be a shootout, but when the dust settles it will be the Colts adding another Super Bowl trophy to their collection and Manning receiving his second Super Bowl MVP. Hopefully the commercials will give Saints fans something to smile about.



Peyton Manning will try to win his second Super Bowl on February 7th when the Colts take on the New Orleans Saints. Manning will also be gunning for his second Super Bowl MVP after taking the honor against the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLIII. (Photo courtesy of www.bostonsportsu18.com)



New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees leads a dynamic offense into Super Bowl XLIV at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, FL. Brees and the Saints are looking to win their first Super Bowl trophy. (Photo courtesy of www.destinationkid.files.wordpress.com)

Puma Track Profile: Jonathan “Jon Jon” Stanley

By Ben Kalinowski,
Sports Editor

Year? Sophomore

Major? Sociology

Hometown? Mooresville, IN

Who is winning the Super Bowl? Colts!

Who is your best friend? Ben Kalinowski

Where do you work in the summer? Royal Surf Academy in Hawaii

Who is your roommate? Tadd Hettinger

What is it that you love about the sport? Being around people who have the same goal as me, and that goal is to win.

What is your favorite sports team? Indianapolis Colts

Who is your favorite superhero? The Silver Surfer

What is your favorite candy? Lemonheads



Jonathan Stanley is a sophomore Sociology major on the Saint Joseph's College track team. (Photo courtesy of SJC Sports Information)

Who is your favorite professional athlete? Bershawn “Batman” Jackson

What is your favorite track memory? Our win against Bethel because we worked so hard as a team in preseason and to get our first win at home was great.

Who are your role models? My two brothers because of their work ethic and willingness to accomplish their goals.

What is your favorite movie? Surfer Dude

What is your favorite track event? The Decathlon

Track Team Topples Competition at Ranger Open

By Ken Badylak,
Spors Information Director

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's indoor track and field team provided another exemplary performance at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Ranger Open on Friday at Frank Petretti Fieldhouse in Somers, Wisconsin.

Tyler Sult (Fr., Mishawaka, Ind./Mishawaka) won three events on the night producing a season best time in the 200 meters. Sult finished with a time of 22.39 seconds improving his time from last week by three hundredths. His jump of 21 feet, 9.5 inches in the long jump took honors as well as his time of 6.61 seconds in the 55 meters.

The Pumas claimed the top two spots in the 55 meters as Andre Wadley (Jr., Southfield, Mich./Southfield) took runner-up honors with a time of 6.62 seconds. Wadley also finished

fifth in the 200 meters with a time of 23.09 seconds.

Kaleb Thompson (So., Frankfort, Ind./Frankfort) claimed the top spot in the weight throw with a toss of 52 feet, 4.75 inches. Thompson also finished third in the shot put with a mark of 53 feet, 1.75 inches. The mark nearly equaled last week's NCAA provisional mark Thompson achieved last week at the Mike Lints Open.

SJC claimed the top three spots in the triple jump with Joseph Took (Fr., Ford Heights, Ill./Bloom Trail) winning the event with a mark of 45 feet, 2.75 inches. Tadd Hettinger (Sr., Rochester, Ind./Rochester) finished second with a mark of 41 feet, 7.75 inches while Ryan Allen (Jr., Cleveland, Ohio/Martin Luther King Jr.) was third with a jump of 40 feet, 9.5 inches.

The women's team was highlighted by Alexis DeJean (Jr., Brownsburg, Ind./Brownsburg) who won both the weight throw

and shot put on the evening. DeJean distanced the field in the weight throw with a mark of 48 feet, 9 inches while besting teammate Alyssa Kepshire (Fr., Hobart, Ind./Hobart) in the shot put with a mark of 41 feet, 7.25 inches.

Melissa Buche (Jr., Lowell, Ind./Lowell) won the high jump competition with a mark of 5 feet, 5.75 inches while Tiffani Sawmiller (Sr., Wapakoneta, Ohio/ Wapakoneta) finished second in the 3,000 meters with a time of 11:20.76 minutes.

"I am pleased with the performances this evening," said head coach Bill Massoels. "We got a chance to compete at the same site as our conference championship and against some of the competition in the GLVC. We have several meets to prepare for in the coming weeks so looking ahead to the end of February would be frivolous."

The Pumas will travel to Marion, Indiana on Saturday to

compete in the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational. Competition is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. EST.

Kaleb Thompson took first in the weight throw with a toss of 52 ft., 4.75 in. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.)



Karma and the Cosmos

By Mystical Martha



Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
You wake up one morning and realize your room is filled with water. After a moment of panic, you discover you have grown gills. With these new assets, you become the world's most famous dolphin trainer and people line up for miles to see your shows.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)
You've been so busy lately, you need to take a day off to contemplate life's mysteries, like why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Gemini (May 20-June 20)
You get a package in the mail containing the books you ordered. After being happy that you finally have your books, you discover the box they came in is even more fun than the books. Attempts to stuff yourself inside it and slide

down the stairs might result in injury.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)
You are in a childish mood and convince your friends to go in with you on buying a toy car for little kids. You drive it around campus and take up a regular sized parking space just to annoy other people.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)
This week you will be very successful in your video gaming endeavors. You ignore all homework and just spend time focusing on getting achievements that really have no meaning.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)
The person of your dreams will magically appear in your closet one day when you go to get your clothes. Too bad the

last dream you had was about an axe murderer.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)
Since your birthday falls around so many celebrity birthdays, so one day while walking in Hollywood, you decide to crash a celebrity party. For whatever reason, everyone suddenly thinks you are a celebrity and you start getting record deals and roles in blockbuster films.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
While studying diligently, you suddenly realize that you've been working on making a plan to rule the world instead of writing your Core paper. It is already 60 pages long and you've been unconsciously for days.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)
Be careful what you say this week, your tongue might get

you into trouble. If you get into a fight, hide out in your room , but make sure you're stocked up with Ramen Noodles and Mountain Dew.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)
You hit your head and start seeing visions of an imaginary moose named Steven Alfred who wears a monocle. Even after going to the doctor, you still see him and start to think he might be real.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)
You are the swing vote in an epic debate over pirates vs. ninjas. Unfortunately, they're both pointing swords at you, so you are forced to decide or die.

Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)
Your future is like a game of Telephone. It starts with "What will tomorrow bring?" and ends with "Who is that guy with the tight bling?"

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

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"Well of course you can take shots in the shower!"

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"Spell biscuit with a z instead of a q."

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"Brodman talking about theology is like Paris Hilton talking about nuclear physics."

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"So what I want to know is, who the hell keeps having a miscarriage in the second stall! No one is on the rag that much!"

~
"You've heard about the guy who masturbates in the trees outside Justin, right?"

Fact of the Matter

The "Spanish Flu" of 1918, which killed at least 50 million people worldwide originated in Kansas, not Spain.

A penny dropped from the top of a skyscraper could not kill someone, but it could cause injury.

Every second, over 7000 Coca-Cola products are consumed.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Butterflies taste with their feet.

It is estimated that at any one time, .7% of the world's population is drunk.

The only letter not appearing on the Periodic Table is the letter J.

Courtesy of www.randomfunfacts.com



Every issue we will be including a spotlight on all of the Measure submitters. We will be taking the best submissions and including them here, in the Measure Spotlight! If you have any poems or short stories you would like to submit, let us know. Send them to Elyse Hillyer at ehq7585.

Words of Wisdom

"Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it."
Thomas Jefferson

"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ous is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants."
Omar N. Bradley

"Love takes off masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within."
James A. Baldwin

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for January 28
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Alvin and the Chipmunks:
The Squeakuel (PG)
Sun: 2:40, 4:50, 7:00
Mon-Thurs: 4:50, 7:00

Avatar (PG-13)
Sun: 3:30, 6:20
Mon-Thurs: 3:30, 6:20

Book of Eli (R)
Sun: 2:10, 4:20, 6:30
Mon-Thurs: 4:20, 6:30

The Spy Next Door (PG)
Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50
Mon-Thurs: 4:40, 6:50

Tooth Fairy (PG)
Sun: 2:20, 4:30, 6:40
Mon-Thurs: 4:30, 6:40

Coming Soon!

Edge of Darkness

Dear John

The Lightning Thief

The Wolfman

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